

Upon entry of the Response of October 5, 2004, Claims 2-27 will be pending.

In accordance with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the status identifiers "Amended" have been replaced with "Currently amended." Accordingly, the Response is in compliance.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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